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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 – 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: EB Docket No. 04-296  
Emergency Alert Systems  
**EX PARTE**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 29 2006 on behalf of Cingular Wireless LLC, (“Cingular”) Brian Fontes, Vice President, Federal Relations and Jim Bugel, Vice President, Federal Government Affairs and National Security Policy met with Catherine Bohigian, Chief of Strategic Planning. In this meeting, Cingular discussed the issues in the above referenced proceeding. The discussion was consistent with Cingular’s comments and reply comments which were filed on January 24<sup>th</sup> and February 23, 2006 respectively.

Specifically, Cingular emphasized that service requirements should be defined before long-term technology choices can be made. Cingular recommended that the Commission initiate a joint government and industry effort for the definition and architecture of the wireless component of the emergency alert service, and this should be done in a short specified period of time. Specifications for a wireless component to the emergency alert service need to be developed first, followed by the development and testing of solutions and then deployment. Cingular understands the importance of providing emergency alerts, as well as the need for an efficient comprehensive emergency alert service. Cingular welcomes the opportunity to work in partnership with industry and government in the development and deployment of emergency alert capabilities.

If you have any question concerning this notice, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sincerely,

Brian F. Fontes  
Vice President, Federal Relations  
Cingular Wireless

Cc: Catherine Behigian

